(c) and (d) After liberalization of the economy and introduction of new industrial policy of 1991 the role of Central Government has been transformed from direct intervention in the process of industrialization of backward areas through license controls to leaving investment decisions to the commercial perception. The initiative for industrial development of backward areas lies primarily with the State Governments. The State Governments have been operating various schemes for industrialization of their own backward areas. Government of India supplements their efforts to the extent possible.

Steps to increase India's Exports to US

3062. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US exports in India doubled over the last three years from 4 billion dollars to 7.5 billion dollars; and

(b) whether Government is taking any steps for increasing India's exports to US where there is a good market for Indian goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) During the three year period 2002-03 to 2004-05, US exports to India have increased from US$ 6.8 billion.

(b) It is a continuous endeavour of the Government to promote India's exports to the US through various trade promotion measures like working closely with the Export Promotion Councils and other apex trade organizations, participation in major trade fairs and specific trade promotion events, streamlining the information database to respond to trade enquiries in a timely and effective manner etc.

Industrial package to backward hill States

3063. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governemnt have given an Industrial Package to Industrially backward hill States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;